

Graphic News.

The Cuban's Story.

KEY WEST, Florida, Feb. 28.—The latest story as to the way the "Maine" was blown up is contained in a letter forwarded by a secret Cuban club in Havana to J. M. Govin, a Cuban insurance agent here. The Cuban received it in the ordinary course of the mail. It was written in English, but was signed "Maquinista" (machinist). After a long preamble, saying that the writer knew the "Maine's" fate was due to a Spanish plot, the letter goes on to say that in an old warehouse at Santa Catalina, 200 yards from where the "Maine" was moored, some diving apparatus had been hidden, and that from this base two divers had worked by night and filled the torpedo holes of the "Maine" with dynamite cartridges, and connected them with wire to the battery on the land, from which the cartridges were exploded.

According to the letter, the divers were to have been paid a large sum, which has not been forthcoming.

The Cubans in Key West say that the investigation in Havana has tended to confirm the statements of the letter, which will go before the Court of Inquiry.

An officer of the "Maine," whose attention was called to the story today seemed considerably scared, this report implicating the officers as not thoroughly attendant to duties, and asserted positively to the correspondent that the torpedo holes of the "Maine" had not been opened during her stay in the harbor.

The survey steamer "Bache" sailed this afternoon for Havana to convey the remainder of the "Maine's" wounded to the Dry Tortugas.

The four-masted schooner "Isalahart" has arrived with coal for the ships.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—According to dispatches received at the Catholic University, the consistory to be held at Rome today will elevate to the rank of cardinal, Mgr. Della Voipe, chamberlain to the Pope, and Mgr. Chiascia, learned Augustinian monk and present secretary of the Propaganda office. Both are Italians. It had been expected that an American archbishop would receive the honor of a red hat in this consistory, but the dispatch in question would indicate otherwise.

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 28.—"Kid" Williams, the crack colored feather weight, will make the fight of his life when he meets Eddie Gardner in their fifteen-round contest before the Dayton, Kentucky, Athletic club tonight. The men weighed in this afternoon at 130 pounds. Both have been training hard and the contest will be a hot one.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—It can be stated authoritatively that the navy department has received nothing to indicate the cause of the "Maine" explosion. All things seem to be clouded in foreboding silence. It may be the silence that precedes the storm.

KEY WEST, Feb. 28.—The Naval Court of Inquiry, investigating the "Maine" disaster held a session today, and continued examining the survivors. The members of the court maintain a mute silence concerning the evidence taken, and their conclusions are unobtainable.

KEY WEST, Fla., Feb. 28.—Orders were issued today at the army barracks prohibiting enlisted men from leaving the reservation without special permits and curtailing officers' leave. The explanation is given for this exceptional and very extraordinary sever-

ATHENS, Greece, Feb. 28.—One of the men who conspired against and tried to assassinate King George, of Greece, last Saturday, has been antedeposited, and is now under arrest. He is a minor employee in the city mayor's office.

When pressed to give the names of his accomplices in his attempted royal murder, he stoutly refused.

This fanatic does not give vent to the desires of the Greek people in his desire to rid the kingdom of its sovereign. To be sure, King George is not popular at present, and yet, with all his mighty relatives and those of the rest of the royal family of Greece, the sober Greeks of reason realize that without the influence of the royal family, Greece could hold out but a little while towards maintaining her kingdom against her heavy debts, increased now by many millions through the late war calamities, and against the strong fates of dismemberment.

The King of Greece is not as much out of favor with his people as the popular belief accredits him with being. More and more he is recognized as a necessity to the maintenance of their nation.

The House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The House rejected the internal revenue fraud fund to the sundry bill by a vote of 105 to 67.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—After the discussion of war appropriations in the House of Representatives today, the sundry civil bill was taken up. An amendment, requiring the clerks of the federal courts of Arizona and New Mexico to report their fees emoluments annually, was unanimously adopted.

A provision relating to the Paris exposition was ruled out on a point of order.

The Senate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The Senate resumed the consideration of the Corbett case. Bacon, of Georgia, and Burrows, of Michigan, made arguments in opposition to seating Corbett.

Corbett Not Seated.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The Senate, by a vote of 50 to 19, refused to seat Corbett as a senator from Oregon. This is the end of a bitter contest for the Oregon fight for a place for Corbett.

Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The Supreme court today handed down its opinion in the case of E. F. Holden, sheriff of Salt Lake county, Utah, involving the constitutionality of the Territorial law fixing a day's work at smelters' mines at eight hours. Holden was arrested for violating the law, and was sentenced to imprisonment.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The decision in the Supreme court, upholding the law of Utah, was affirmed by the United States courts.

BOSTON, Feb. 28.—The spectacle of an ordained minister of the Protestant Episcopal church making his debut on the vaudeville stage, will be witnessed here tonight. His name is James H. W. Harris. He was graduated from the Nashota, Wis., Theological seminary, did missionary work throughout the west and accepted a call to the church of the "Holy Redeemer," in Oakland, Cal. Four years ago he resigned to go upon the stage and has been in training ever since. He makes his debut in a burlesque of Anthony and Cleopatra.

CORTEZ, Colo., Feb. 28.—The entire business portion of the town was destroyed by a fire which originated in Blackmer's hotel Sunday. The loss is estimated at \$20,000.

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, Feb. 28.—The French liner, "La Champagne," which left La Havre Feb. 13, with over 300 passengers aboard, was towed safely into this port Sunday by the freighter "Roman."

"La Champagne's" tail screw shaft broke Feb. 17. The steamer anchored and nine men put off in life boats to notify any possible passing vessel of the accident. She was torn from her anchorage by a gale on Feb. 18, and was then tossed helplessly on the seas until last Wednesday, when she was picked up off the banks of Newfoundland, by the "Roman" and towed into port.

Five of the crew were picked up in the ship's life boat last Thursday and were taken aboard the "Rotterdam," of the Holland-American line, in latitude 43 degrees north and longitude 57 west. The men were severely frost bitten. The crew were at the life boat's oars for six days, working with might and main.

During the long time of uncertainty at sea, the passengers were perfectly calm and the best of order prevailed. The passengers cheered the crew as they left "La Champagne."

BOSTON, Feb. 28.—The British steamer, "Legislator," under Captain Tennant, bound from Liverpool to Colon, took fire on February 13, and burned fiercely for three days. Fireman Thomas Roberts was burned to death. Second officer James Bateman and Seaman William Angell were drowned by the capsizing of a boat. Third officer Martin and Chief Steward John Goffney went adrift in another boat and Chief Cook Fred M. Lee, crazed with fearful burns, jumped overboard. The remainder of the crew of twenty men with two passengers, Dr. William E. M. Ritter and wife, of London, were rescued by a fruit steamer, "Flowergate," and brought into this port. Explosion after explosion occurred in the cargo of the vessel while she was burning, threatening to send her to the bottom at any moment.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The President nominated, today, Captain Henry B. Robeson to be promoted to the rank of commodore; Captain Winfield Schley, commodore; Commander Theodore F. Howal, captain; Commander William M. Folger, captain; Lieutenant Commander Andrew Dunlap, commander; Lieutenant Commander Richard Rush, commander. All these promotions are in the regular line of succession in the navy.

John C. Martin, of Prescott, Arizona, was appointed receiver of public moneys.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The most pronounced measures were taken today in the House of Representatives, towards war preparation, when Representative Brownwell (Rep. Ohio) introduced a resolution authorizing the secretary of the navy to buy warships' armaments to cost \$20,000,000.

The Associated Press report to THE OTRIC do not contain particulars as to the distribution of this proposed appropriation. Nor do the reports contain particulars as to the discussion that followed the introduction of these resolutions.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—"Australian" Billy Murphy and Will Curley, the clever English bantam weight, weighed in this afternoon at 117 pounds for their twenty round contest tonight for \$200 a side and the net receipts. Murphy is in anything but good form and Curley is regarded as certain for the decision.

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PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 28.—League Island navy yard was the scene of much excitement in consequence of the report from Washington that the cruisers "Columbia" and "Minneapolis," the double turreted monitor "Miantonomah," and the ram "Katahdin" had been ordered to go into commission with dispatch. Both cruisers have skeleton crews aboard, while the monitor has been lying at her dock for several years and the "Katahdin" since last winter.

None of the naval officials at the yard would say anything relating to the future movements of the vessels, but from workmen it was learned that the commission orders had been issued. This was borne out by the fact that all day a large force of men in the construction and repair departments were actively at work on the "Miantonomah" and the "Katahdin." Visitors were kept off these boats, and only those having friends among the officers and crew of the cruisers were allowed on board.

The work of enlisting men will continue until orders to stop have been received from Washington. Captain Casey, the commander, said he did not know for what vessel the men now being enlisted were wanted.

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